

## New Ordinance in Effect

In an effort to reduce air pollution in areas of higher population contained within the Salem/Keizer Urban Growth Boundary (UGB), the Marion County Board of Commissioners has adopted a new ordinance which prohibits burning of yard debris within the UGB with a few exclusions and permitted exception (see inside).

Open burning is an inefficient way to dispose of yard debris and other waste, and as a result creates an excess of smoke and pollutants which can cause significant health and environmental hazards.

The City of Salem adopted an ordinance in 1993, updated in 2006, which bans backyard burning within the city limits. Until the new County ordinance was adopted in December 2008, burning in those areas within the UGB but outside the City has had a direct impact to those neighbors who are under the current City burn ban.

Be a good neighbor! Refrain from unpermitted open burning in areas covered by the new ordinance and call Marion County Code Enforcement if you observe illegal burning.

**REPORT ILLEGAL BURNING!**  
**503-373-4333**  
**8 am –4:30 pm M-F**

## Alternatives to Burning

### Backyard Composting

Turn your yard waste into a valuable, rich soil amendment for your garden. Efficient, low cost composters are available year-round at Marion County Juvenile Dept.'s Fresh Start Market at 3020 Center St. NE, Salem. The County also sponsors a yearly truckload composter sale at multiple locations around the County the first Saturday in May. For more information about composters and how to compost, call 503-588-5169.

### Curbside Yard Waste Pickup

Curbside yard waste pick-up is included for all residents who subscribe to garbage service inside the UGB. The following items may be placed in the green roll cart: yard prunings, twigs and small sticks, leaves and pine needles, grass clippings and garden, fruit and vegetable scraps (no other food waste). Contact your garbage hauler for more details.

### Transfer Station Drop-off

Large quantities of yard waste can be dropped off at both the Salem/Keizer and North Marion Recycling and Transfer stations for a reduced fee of \$47/ton with a \$9.00 minimum. Call 503-588-5169 for hours and locations.

# Salem-Keizer Urban Growth Boundary Backyard Burn Ban



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## Marion County Backyard Burning Ordinance No. 1279

Prohibited activities in the County:

- 1) Open burning of waste within the unincorporated area of the Salem/Keizer Urban Growth Boundary.
- 2) Using burn barrels to dispose of yard debris.
- 3) Open burning of yard debris that creates a nuisance or hazard to public safety.
- 4) Open burning of yard debris on days designated as non-burning days by ODEO or local fire districts or departments.
- 5) Open burning of yard debris that did not come from the owner's property.

Exclusions:

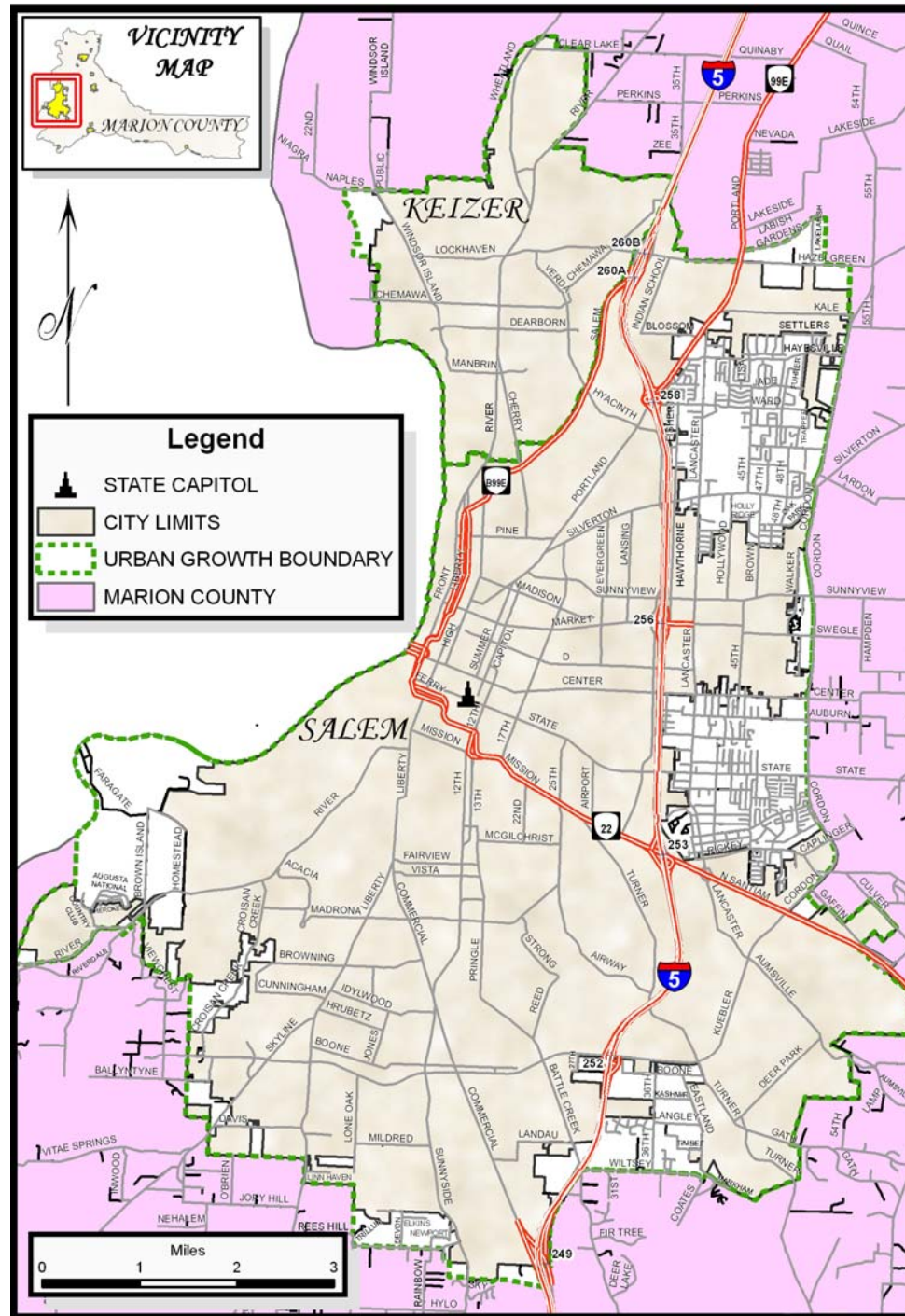
- 1) Recreational & ceremonial fires not fueled by waste or yard debris.
- 2) Agricultural open burning by an agricultural operation.
- 3) The operation of barbeque equipment.

Permitted exceptions during daylight hours (permits are issued by the Marion County Planning Division and are available on their website listed below):

- 1) Open burning of yard debris on property that is more than 2 acres, or on adjacent properties under the same ownership that total more than 2 acres.
- 2) Burning for disease or pest control.
- 3) Open burning of yard debris classified as specially assessed farm or timber properties.
- 4) Open burning of yard debris that was created by a natural disaster (must be officially declared).

Marion County Planning Division

Location: 555 Court Street NE, Room 2150, Salem, OR  
 Mailing address: P.O. Box 14500, Salem, OR 97309  
<http://www.co.marion.or.us/PW/Planning/>



# Salem/Keizer Urban Growth Boundary

**ALL BURNING OF GARBAGE IS PROHIBITED BY STATE LAW!**

**Visit [www.co.marion.or.us/pw/es](http://www.co.marion.or.us/pw/es) or call 503-373-4333 for more information**